

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re the Application of:  | Confirmation No.: 6075          |
| LAMBIASE, Alessandro   | Art Unit: 1615                  |
| Application No.: 09/890,088  | Examiner: Hagopian, Casey Shea  |
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| For: USE OF NERVE GROWTH FACTOR FOR THERAPY OF INTRAOCULAR<br>TISSUE PATHOLOGIES |                                 |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH FILING OF  
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This paper is filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and it is filed in response to the final Office Action dated February 25, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period of response is extended three (3) months from May 25, 2008 to August 25, 2008 by the enclosed three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- III. Remarks begin on page 6 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 12 of this response.